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SUBJECT: UN SYG PRESSURED BY EUROPEANS FOR MORE HIGH-  
LEVEL UN JOBS FOR THEM, SAYS U.S. LEADERSHIP AT UN IS KEY

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I MET WITH UN SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS-GHALI  
ONE-ON-ONE FOR ALMOST AN HOUR ON MAY 23. I HAD  
SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS U.S. HIGH-LEVEL  
APPOINTMENTS AT THE UN (SEPTTEL), BUT HE PULLED ME AWAY  
TO ADDRESS ISSUES WHICH WERE CLEARLY ON HIS MIND AS HE  
RETURNED FROM AN EXTENDED TRIP TO EUROPE.

PRESSURE FROM THE EUROPEANS: JOBS  
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3. BBG WAS IN A CONFRONTATIONAL MODE WHEN I MET HIM.  
HE SAID HE HAD RUN INTO A WALL OF HOSTILITY AGAINST THE  
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U.S. FROM THE EUROPEANS DURING HIS JUST-COMPLETED TRIP  
TO EUROPE AND AFRICA. BBG EMPHASIZED THAT THIS  
RESENTMENT CAME FROM A BROAD SPECTRUM OF INTERLOCUTORS,  
NOT JUST EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP. HE REPEATEDLY HEARD THE  
LITANY THAT THE COMBINATION OF EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE UN MATCHED OUR OWN, BUT THE EUROPEANS DEMANDED (AND  
RECEIVED) LESS. HOWEVER, THEY WERE SEEKING MORE FROM  
THE UN -- INCLUDING MORE HIGH-LEVEL POSTS IN THE  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (SEPTTEL). THE U.S. DRIVE FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE

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PRESS BY CONGRESS TO REDUCE THE USG ASSESSMENT ON  
PEACEKEEPING, AND THE FACT THAT THE U.S. DID NOT PAY ITS  
UN DUES ON TIME OR IN FULL WERE POINTS THAT THE  
EUROPEANS REPEATEDLY MADE TO HIM. THESE POINTS HURT US,  
ESPECIALLY AS THE OPTIC IN EUROPE WAS THAT THE U.S. WAS  
MOVING AWAY FROM THE UN. IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA, THE  
EUROPEANS THOUGHT THAT THEIR FINANCIAL MIGHT IN THE UN  
SHOULD RESULT IN A GREATER VOICE.

U.S. LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL IN ALL AREAS  
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4. FURTHER, THE SYG WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT HOW THE  
USG'S NEW CRITERIA ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS HAD  
AFFECTED UN ACTION ON RWANDA, WHICH HE TERMED A "MAJOR  
DISASTER." HIS ANALYSIS WAS THAT THE U.S. HAD LED  
NEGATIVELY, WHICH IN TURN CAUSED SUPPORT AND POTENTIAL  
DONORS (SUCH AS [REDACTED] FOR AN EXPANDED UNAMIR TO GET  
COLD FEET. HE SAID HE COULDN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT AS THE  
GENOCIDE CONTINUED IN RWANDA BECAUSE OF THIS "MAJOR  
FAILURE OF THE UN, GREATER THAN ALL OF THE OTHERS."  
WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE RETURNED TO HIS  
POINT THAT THE WORLD LOOKED TO THE U.S FOR LEADERSHIP.  
WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AFRICAN LEADERS HAD TOLD HIM THAT  
BY PUTTING ON THE BRAKES ON RWANDA, THE U.S. HAD  
DETERRED ANY EFFECTIVE UN ACTION TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER.  
IN SOMALIA, THE U.S. DECISION TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN  
ASSISTANCE HAD SERVED AS A MAGNET FOR OTHERS. IN  
RWANDA, WE WERE REPELLING AID.

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5. I REMINDED BBG THAT WE HAD SUPPORTED THE DEPLOYMENT  
OF A MECHANIZED GHANIAN BATTALION FOR RWANDA, WE HAD  
UNDER FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION A REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT,  
AND WE DID SUPPORT ACTION TO REDUCE THE BLOODSHED. HIS  
PESSIMISM DID NOT LIFT. BBG WAS STUNG BY THE CRITICISM,  
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, THE UN HAD COME UNDER DURING HIS  
TRAVEL AND WAS LOOKING FOR AN OUTLET TO VENT HIS  
FRUSTRATION THAT THE UN WAS BEING PRESENTED AS  
INEFFECTUAL AND INEFFICIENT. HIS MEETING WITH ME, AMONG  
THE FIRST ON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK, PROVIDED HIM AN  
OUTLET.

6. IN A FOLLOW-ON MEETING ON MAY 24 IN WHICH HE WAS

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INTRODUCED TO OUR UNICEF CANDIDATE DR. FOEGE BY MY  
DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR GNEHM, HE PUT ON A MORE DEBONAIR  
AIR. I BELIEVE THAT OUR ARRANGING A PRESIDENTIAL  
MEETING FOR BBG IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL GO  
FAR TO GIVE HIM THE AMMUNITION HE NEEDS TO ARGUE WITH  
OUR FRIENDS AND FOES ALIKE THAT THE US-UN RELATIONSHIP  
IS IN GOOD SHAPE AND THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTS AN  
EFFECTIVE, STREAMLINED UN.

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